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## Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

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### **Statewide Accounting of Untested Rape Kits**

Statewide accounting of untested rape kits is mandated by Senate Bill 878 (Chapter 65 of the 2015 Minnesota Session Laws). The information required by law must be submitted to the BCA on the form provided along with this letter. This Excel spreadsheet can also be downloaded from the BCA Forensic Science webpage.

#### **Senate Bill 878 Requirements**

- All publicly funded forensic laboratories that test rape kits, sheriffs and chiefs of police must complete an inventory of untested rape kits in the possession of their agency or department and submit this information to the superintendent of the BCA
- BCA is to determine the form in which this information is collected
- Applies only to untested rape kits collected prior to July 1, 2015
- BCA is required to compile results, devise a plan for resolution, and provide a report to the majority leader of the senate, speaker of the house, and the Office of the Attorney General by December 1, 2015

#### **Timeline**

- June 2015 – Information on statewide accounting of untested rape kits disseminated to law enforcement
- August 1, 2015 – Deadline for law enforcement agencies to return completed forms to BCA via email at [jim.iverson@state.mn.us](mailto:jim.iverson@state.mn.us)
- December 1, 2015 – Deadline for final report submission by BCA

#### **BCA Contact Information and additional references**

- For assistance in completing the reporting form or returning completed forms to the BCA, please contact Jim Iverson by phone at (651) 793-2900 or via email at [jim.iverson@state.mn.us](mailto:jim.iverson@state.mn.us)
- For answers to FAQ's, please refer to the Statewide Accounting of Untested Rape Kits FAQ page accompanying this letter or on the BCA Forensic Science webpage
- The requirement for Statewide Accounting of Untested Rape Kits can be found in Chapter 65 of 2015 Minnesota Session Laws, Article 3, section 37 - <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?year=2015&type=0&doctype=Chapter&id=65>
- Untested rape kits are NOT to be submitted to the BCA Forensic Laboratory at this time.

